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## AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 27, 2001, please enter the following amendments and consider the following Replacement claims are presented below and marked-up claim amendments are presented on separate sheets at the end of this amendment.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claims 11, 12, 14 and 15 with the following:

- 11. (Amended) An orthopedic treatment control system comprising:
  - a first computer; a)
  - b) communication system allowing communication between the first computer and another computer; and
  - c) an analysis interaction algorithm performed by the first compuder, wherein the analysis interaction algorithm automatically evaluates and updates a patient's treatment protocol.
- 12. (Amended) The system of claim 11 wherein the analysis interaction protocol accesses a database of standardized orthopedic treatment protocols and patient outcomes and performs comparisons of potential outcomes for a patient to be treated.

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